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REMARKS

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2. During the summers of 1953 and 1954, air activity by twin-engine aircraft with single rudder assembly, straight wings or slightly swept back and piston engine under each wing was observed over Puppen for several hours on successive days. The aircraft approached from the direction of Ortelsburg and, during the practices, flew on a line extending between the two towns of Ortelsburg (Szczytno) (53 34 N/21 00 E) and Johannsburg (Pisz) (53 38 N/21 48 E). Their flight altitude was not very high so that the Polish nationality markings could be definitely observed. Several aircraft towing a sleeve target were aloft flying at very large intervals while each sleeve target was continuously attacked from the rear by an individual twin-engine aircraft which gave several short and long bursts of fire with one aircraft weapon. The rapidity and sound of fire approximately corresponded with those of a machine gun.
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